

Puzzles

This past winter I began doing puzzles to pass the evenings at home. Now I have not been a lover of puzzles because I never could see how the pieces fit and would get frustrated quickly and give up. But this time I started small. I would sort all the pieces and put the frame together first then slowly build on that. I found I got into it and didn't want to stop until I found one more piece that went together and then another and another... you get the idea. Well, when I ran out of puzzles I was fortunate that Marjorie was looking to pass some on. I thought she had a few and was excited. When I went to get them I was amazed, bags full of puzzles of all shapes and sizes! Enough to get me through the next pandemic! Naturally when I looked at them I got a bit nervous thinking I won't be able to do that one or that one, too many pieces and too few distinct colours. But I stacked them up and figured I would wait and see what happens.

When I think about it, life is like a puzzle. As Christians we get the frame figured out easy enough. We know and love God and make her the foundation of our life. Sure we question and have doubts at times but God is, God was and God will always be, that is our faith and keeps us grounded.

Then there are all the other pieces, the day to day experiences. These are not so easy to put together. We have to figure out how what we do and say fits the frame. Is what I am doing or saying in line with what God wants for me? Am I going in the right direction? At times I have tried to fit the pieces together but they just wouldn't work and I had to take things apart and try again. I would be frustrated and at times want to give up, but like the puzzle, I had to try one more time to figure out which piece would work and was so happy when I found the right fit. Yes, Holy Spirit was working with me to sort things out and give me the strength to carry on. It was not easy. Thankfully Christian community, prayer, and the bible were the tools to guide me. One thing I know for sure is that if I keep slowly persisting in putting the pieces in their right place, grounded to the frame, ultimately I will have a complete beautiful picture and that is worth the effort. Amen!!